Memorandum of Agreement

For Supplemental Funding for Certain Ecosystem Actions and Support for Implementation of Near-Term Water Supply, Water Quality, Ecosystem, and Levee Actions

I. Purpose

Changes in available CALFED funding and the need to enable water supply, water quality, ecosystem, and levee projects to progress within a stable regulatory framework require a new structure that provides regulatory and funding assurances for the actions described herein. The foundation for this framework was established in a Statement of Principles agreed to by the California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and others. This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is intended to further:

- 1. The development of a conservation plan for the Delta and its upstream basins, hereinafter referred to as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and to obtain the permits necessary to comply with the California Endangered Species Act and the Federal Endangered Species Act; and
- 2. The implementation of key interim water supply, water quality, ecosystem, and levee projects, subject to compliance with applicable environmental review under CEQA and NEPA.

II. Interim Projects

The Agencies (DWR, DFG, FWS, NOAA Fisheries, and USBR), subject to completion of any required environmental review document and permitting, support implementation of the interim projects described in Attachments B (water supply projects), C (water quality projects), D (ecosystem projects), E (levees and other work in the waterways), and F (project schedules) during development of the BDCP. The current schedules for these interim projects are included in Attachment F and are displayed for information purposes only. The Agencies are committed to following legal process and to consider all points of view, including those of conservation groups or other water agencies that have expressed concerns with the implementation of these interim projects. The development of the BDCP shall not delay the implementation of those interim projects.

1. In the event for reasons beyond the control of the Agencies any interim project is delayed beyond completion of the BDCP, it is anticipated that the BDCP will advance progress of the interim projects. Execution of the

- MOA shall not constitute a waiver by any signatory of any right or remedy they may have.
- 2. Inclusion of interim projects on Attachments B, C, D, E, or F. does not commit state or federal funding beyond that already approved for those interim projects, nor does it constitute agency pre-approval of any project or preferred project alternative or waive or otherwise abridge agency Responsible or Trustee duties required, or discretion authorized, under state and federal law.
- 3. The interim project lists set forth in Attachments B, C, D, E, and F may be augmented to add additional covered activities if such projects meet agreed upon criteria, including:
 - i. They will not result in stranded investments;
 - ii. They will not impede development and implementation of the BDCP (generally consistent with the BDCP goals);
 - iii. Their implementation and operation shall be based on best available science; and
 - iv. They are consistent with BDCP objectives as they are developed.

III. Near-Term Funding

Subject to Section V, this MOA proposes to provide, over the next two years, \$60 million in contributions for the BDCP, Species Recovery Capital Fund, Ecosystem Restoration Program, POD Studies, and the 100-Year Vision for the Future of the Delta. This \$60 million does not include the value of the commitments made pursuant to Section III.E for the Environmental Water Account.

In order to provide sufficient supplemental funds, which when combined with state, federal and other funding that will enable implementation of priority ecosystem restoration projects for Delta pelagic and anadromous fish through the end of Stage 1 (December 31, 2007), the following near-term funding is proposed:

A. BDCP

- 1. For calendar years 2006 and 2007, the USBR and DWR on behalf of the State Water Project (hereinafter referred to as The Projects) shall contribute an aggregate of \$3 million annually for the collective use of DFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries for staff and administrative costs related to the development of the BDCP. The budget in Attachment A details how these funds are anticipated to be spent.
- 2. The Projects and/or other applicants who have activities that will be covered by the BDCP will develop a cost-share agreement as part of the application process for the BDCP, which may provide for reimbursement

- of the The Projects and/or other applicants if new parties are able to utilize work for which The Projects and/or other applicants paid.
- 3 DFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries will expend contributions made under this section consistent Attachment A.
- 4. DFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries shall seek additional contributions for agency costs from other BDCP participants.
- 5. DFG, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries will apply for additional funding through a Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) Section 6 application.
- 6. If new bond funds become available and are appropriated for this purpose, the contributions by The Projects for agency staff and administrative costs shall be reduced accordingly.

B. Species Recovery Capital Fund

- 1. DWR on behalf of the SWP shall contribute a total of \$12 million to a Species Recovery Capital Fund through the end of Stage 1 (December 31, 2007) for restoration projects.
- 2. Money in this fund contributed by DWR on behalf of the SWP shall only be used to fill funding gaps for identified restoration projects and only if all bond money available for and appropriated for these purposes has been committed.
- 3. DWR and their contractors will be actively engaged in the selection and management of restoration projects funded by the Species Recovery Capital Fund.
- 4. The \$12 million contributions on behalf of the SWP shall be credited towards future Delta pelagic and anadromous fish restoration obligations identified under the BDCP.
- If the BDCP is not completed, or permits are not issued, the SWP contributions shall be credited towards environmental obligations of the SWP.

C. Ecosystem Restoration Program

- 1. The state and federal agencies agree to continue annual contributions of \$15 million from the CVPIA restoration fund, and Four Pumps Fish Mitigation Agreement towards the Ecosystem Restoration Program.
- 2. The signatories to this MOA anticipate that current contributions under the CVPIA, combined with the Four Pumps Mitigation Agreement, Species Recovery Capital Fund and available bond funds will meet the requirements of the CALFED Conservation Agreement Regarding Multi-Species Conservation Strategy for financing the Ecosystem Restoration Program through the end of Stage 1.

D. POD Studies

- 1. For the calendar years 2006 and 2007, The Projects shall continue to contribute up to an aggregate of \$4 million annually or additional amounts as necessary upon mutual agreement, to research into the causes of the Delta Pelagic Organism Decline.
- 2. These contributions do not offset other obligations of the SWP or the federal government.

E. Environmental Water Account

- 1. DWR and DFG agree to pursue full public funding from the Legislature as provided in the CALFED ROD and the 2004 MOU that extended Environmental Water Account (EWA) through 2007.
- 2. Until full public funding is made available for the 2005-2006 state fiscal year, and after exhausting all other Tier II assets and in an attempt to avoid the use of Tier III assets, the SWP will loan EWA up to 80 TAF of water to make up for the current funding shortfall. This loan will be repaid with variable EWA assets or financial assets.
- 3. Sufficient public resources are identified in the 10-Year Action Plan and, if appropriated, will fully fund the EWA through the 2006-2007 state fiscal vear.
- 4. If public funds are not made available to meet the terms of the 2004 MOU and DFG or DWR require the SWP to provide a non-reimbursable fiscal or water contribution to provide adequate resources for the EWA until December 31, 2007, then DWR on behalf of the SWP may terminate this MOA in its entirety.
- 5. The EWA Agencies agree to conduct a comprehensive review of the EWA by July 1, 2007, to determine if the program should be continued and, if continued, how it will be sized, managed, and funded for the 2007-2008 state fiscal year and beyond.

F. 100-Year Vision for the Future of the Delta

- 1. The Projects and other water and hydropower project operators will contribute 50% of the cost of the process to develop a long-term vision for the future of the Delta up to a maximum of \$2 million annually not to exceed \$4 million in total.
- 2. DWR and DFG will obtain at least an equivalent amount of funding from other private or public sources.
- 3. If bond funding is available for this purpose, the obligations under Section III.F.1 and Section III.F.2 will be reduced proportionally.

IV. Contingent on Appropriation of Funds and Future Actions

The expenditure or advance of any money, or the performance of any obligation of the United States or the State of California under this MOA, will be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds, and, for the United States, is in accordance with 31 United States Code section 1341 (Anti-Deficiency Act). No liability will accrue to the United States or the State of California for failure to perform any obligation under this MOA in the event that funds are not appropriated or allotted.

V. Preserves Rights and Authorities

All provisions of this MOA are intended and will be interpreted to be consistent with all applicable provisions of state and federal law. The undersigned recognize that public agency signatories to this MOA have specific statutory and regulatory authority and responsibilities, and that actions of these public agencies must be consistent with applicable procedural and substantive requirements. Nothing in this MOA is intended to, nor will have the effect of, constraining or limiting any public entity in carrying out its statutory responsibilities. Nothing in this MOA constitutes an admission by any party as to the proper interpretation of any provision of law, nor is anything in this MOA intended to, nor will it have the effect of, waiving or limiting any public entity's rights and remedies under any applicable law.

This MOA does not delegate from or to any person or entity any existing ability to:

- 1. make a final decision on a project;
- 2. modify or halt a project; or
- 3. pursue a project according to individual legal authority.

Execution of this MOA does not constitute a waiver by any signatory of any right or remedy it may have nor does execution constitute pre-approval of any project or preferred project alternative or waive or otherwise abridge responsible or trustee duties required, or discretion authorized, under state and federal law.

VI. Non-Discriminatory

The program or activities contemplated under this MOA when and if conducted or funded by any federal agency will be in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions contained in Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259); and other nondiscrimination statutes: namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and American's With Disabilities Act of 1990. They will also be in accordance with applicable federal regulations, which provide that no person in the United States will on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender,

religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

VII. Termination

- 1. This MOA will terminate if the State of California imposes fees or an involuntary financial obligation on any water agency or utility signatory to the MOA for implementation of any CALFED Programs, including, but not limited to the Ecosystem Restoration Program, the Environmental Water Account, or other activities funded under this MOA.
- 2. The signatories to this MOA recognize that the state is exploring the adoption of a water resources investment fund through an amendment of the California Constitution, and they commit to work cooperatively to develop a water resources investment fund, the implementation of which their principals/boards of directors could support and which would not affect any rights or obligations under this MOA.
- 3. The termination provision provided under section VII(1) does not apply to a water resources investment fund developed consistent with VII(2) the state may adopt through an amendment of the California Constitution.

VIII. Term of the MOA

Upon DWR, DFG, USBR, USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and four of the SWP contractors and one of the CVP entities that initialed the Statement of Principles signing this MOA, it will be become effective. Unless terminated, this MOA will remain in effect until December 31, 2007.

IX. Signature in Counterparts

This MOA may be executed in counterparts.

Attachment A – BDCP Budget

Attachment A: BDCP Budget for DFG, NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS (Fish Agencies) as of July 14, 2006

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8.0 Covered Activities, Covered Species, and Natural Communities	Varies by task	Varies by task	Varies by task	\$305,195	\$593,900	??			1	:
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Attachment B - Water Supply Projects¹

- SDIP with Integrated Operations, Banks 8500 cfs, Dredging
- CVP-SWP Intertie
- San Luis Low Point Improvement Project

¹ "Core" Delta Projects previously identified by principals Memorandum of Agreement July 28, 2006 Page 8

Attachment C - Water Quality Projects²

- CCWD Alternative Intake Project
- Contra Costa Canal Encasement Project
- Franks Tract Pilot Project
- San Joaquin River Salinity Management³
- Old River and Rock Slough Water Quality Improvement Projects (completed 11/05)
- Operable Gates⁴

² "Core" Delta Projects previously identified by principals

⁴ This project is intended to protect water quality for South Delta irrigators and migratory salmon, but could

adversely affect water quality for other water users

³ Includes salinity reduction in Westside/Grasslands area, recirculation, water purchases, and real time management. Developing and implementing a plan to meet existing Vernalis water quality standards and objectives is a separate action under the Program plan.

Attachment D – Ecosystem Projects

- ERP MYPP projects funded by existing ERP funding sources Environmental Water Account
- Restoration projects funded by the Species Recovery Capital Fund

Attachment E - Levee Projects⁵

- Levee Subventions
- Special Projects
- Delta Risk Management Strategy
- Levee Subsidence Control
- Emergency Management and Response Plan

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ These are the elements in the current Program Plan for the Levee Program Memorandum of Agreement July 28, 2006

Attachment F - Interim Project Schedules

	Water Supply Actions	Program Plan (Lead Agency)	ROD Target Date	DIP 8/04 Target Date	Expected Date	Comments
SW	P/CVP Integration Plan	Conveyance (USBR/DWR)				
A	Complete SWP/CVP Operations Criteria and Plan and BO and early consultation	(USBR/DWR)		Summer 2004	Completed Fall 2004	
>	Complete Response Plans required by D-1641 for Joint Point of Diversion			Aug 2004	Completed Aug 2004	JPOD approvals needed each year for those that are not long term approvals
A	Complete NEPA/CEQA ESA and public review of interim SWP/CVP operations			Early 2005	Schedule under development	
	Implement interim SWP/CVP operation actions			2005	Schedule under development	

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Expanded Intertie				4		/	Expanded Intertie
		Federal feasibility authorization received in CALFED Bay-Del Act.	under				
> Obtain authorization and funding for expanded intertie Schedule under development			under		·		
San Luis Reservoir Low Point Storage (USBR) Sort 2004 May 2006 Sequence in an following 4		Coguence is so follows: 1	May 2006	Sont 2004			
	atives	Complete an Initial Alternativ	iviay 2000	36pt 2004			> Complete Appraisal Study
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		Complete the Environmental Impact Statement 5. Comple ROD.	under	June 2006	-		
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Water Quality Actions	Program Plan (Lead Agency)	ROD Target Date	DIP 8/04 Target Date	Expected Date	Comments
Permanent Operable Gates/8500 cfs	Conveyance (DWR)				
 Complete South Delta Improvements (SDIP) EIR/EIS 		Dec 2002	Mid 2005	Aug 2006	
Stage 1 Permanent Operable Gates					,
 Secure permits to construct permanent operable gates, dredge, modify local agriculture diversions 		Jul 2003		Nov 2006	Permits for agricultural diversion dredging and extensions are in place.
Obtain funding and authority for gate at Head of Old River			Dec 2006	Sept 2006	Adequate State funding and authority needed by Sept 2006 (NOD date) so that real estate can be certified no later than
Obtain funding and authority for gates in Middle River, Old River and Grantline Canal			Dec 2007		Mar 2007.
Acquire land and begin construction	•			2007	
Complete dredging/modifications of local agriculture diversions		,.		Nov 2008	
 Complete construction of permanent operable gates 				Apr 2009	
Stage 2 – 8,500 cfs		2003	Dec 2007		
> Supplemental EIS/EIR				Schedule	Schedule dependent on information from POD studies and follow-up analysis. A
> Notice of Determination for 8,500 cfs operation				under development	supplemental document compliant with NEPA and CEQA will be prepared prior to Stage 2 decision and implementation.
Secure permit for increasing SWP export limit to 8500 cfs					
> Fully operate under 8500 cfs			Jan 2008		

Water Quality Actions (Cont)	Program Plan	ROD Target	DIP 8/04 Target	Expected Date	Comments
Actions (Cont)	(Lead Agency)	Date	Date	•	
San Joaquin River Salinity Management Plan	Water Quality (DWR)	Start source control measures by 2003		Occident	
> Coordinated Drainage Strategy				Ongoing	
> Salt Load Management and Reduction			Begin study by summer	,	SJRIP is being incorporated into the larger Westside Regional Drainage Plan.
- SJRIP			2004	2010	
- EIS for San Luis Drainage - Feature				June 2006	
- Drainage management of Managed Wetlands			Initiate studies by fall 2004	Schedule under development	
> Recirculation	,				`
- Draft Feasibility Study and EIS/R				Dec 2007	
- Final Feasibility Study and EIS/R				Nov 2008	
Voluntary WaterExchanges andTransfers				Ongoing	
> Real Time Monitoring			Initial draft by Oct 2004		
Coordination of East Side Tributary Operations			Initial draft by March 2004	Ongoing	
➢ Westside Groundwater Management				Ongoing 2010	Part of the Westside Regional Drainage Plan. Proponents propose to pump to lower regional groundwater levels, therefore reducing subsurface drainage discharges into SJR. Excess water will be transferred to CVP.

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Water Quality Actions (Cont)	Program Plan (Lead Agency)	ROD Target Date	DIP 8/04 Target Date	Expected Date	Comments
Old River and Rock Slough Water Quality Improvement Projects Complete construction of Veale and Byron tracts drainage improvements Complete construction of first phase Canal lining project	Water Quality (DWR)	Before permanent operable gates		Completed Jan 2006 Jun 2009	
Franks Tract Complete feasibility and EIR/EIS Study (pilot project) Implement pilot project construction and monitoring	Water Quality (DWR)			April 2010 June 2011	Currently CEQA/NEPA process is being initiated. If it is determined (by June 2007) that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is sufficient for the pilot project, then the pilot project implementation will be done by June 2008.
Relocation of M& I Intake Complete evaluation of water quality improvements	Water Quality (CCWD)			Date to be determined	CCWD is proceeding with scoping and environmental documentation

Delta Levees Actions	Program Plan	ROD Target Date	DIP 8/04 Target Date	Expected Date	Comments
Delta Levees Implement the Levee System Intregrity Multi- Year Program Plan (including Base Level Protection, Special Improvements Projects, Delta Risk Management Strategy, Subsidence Best Management Practices, and Levee Emergency Management and Response).	Levee System Integrity (DWR)			Years 5-8	State and local funding has addressed maintenance and slow incremental levee improvements. The absence of federal funding and reduced local cost share envisioned in the ROD has severely limited the ability of the program to obtain base level protection. Unless legislation is passed to extend the sunset date the ability of the program to achieve results will be further reduced on July 1, 2006. A Delta Risk Management Strategy study is now underway.

E	nvironmental Protection Actions	Program Plan	ROD Target Date	DIP 8/04 Target Date	Expected Date	Comments
	vironmental Water count	Environmental Water		_	·	DWR, USBR, USFWS, NOAA Fisheries
>	Decision on continuing short-term EWA	Account (DWR)	•	Sept 2004	Completed Sept. 2004	and CDFG completed Long-Term EWA EIS/EIR public scoping meetings in March 2005
>	Draft EIS/EIR on long- term EWA			Jun 2005	Dec 2006	
>	Final EIS/EIR on long- term EWA	;		Dec 2005	Dec 2007	
۶	Comprehensive Review of EWA				Dec 2007	Conducted prior to implementation of Long-Term EWA to inform decisions regarding purpose and need

Attachment G - Signatures P/Joseph Gringstaff, Director California Bay, Delta Authority Lester Snow, Director California Department of Water Resources Kirk C. Rodgers, Regional Director Ryan Broddrick, Director U.S. Bureau of Reclamation California Department of Fish and Game Rodney R. McInnis, Administrator Southwest Steve Thompson, California/Nevada Region Operations Manager U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service NOAA Fisheries Jeffrey Kightlinger, General Manager mes M. Beck, General Manager Metropolitan Water District of Kern County Water Agency Southern California Walter L. Wadlow, Chief Operating Officer Dale Myers, General Manger Santa Clara Valley Water District Zone 7 Water Agency Daniel G. Nelson, Executive Director Thomas W. Birmingham, General Manager/Geberal Counsel San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority Westlands Water District

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